



# HIV Among Foreign Born Persons, Michigan

## Number of Cases and Recent Trends:

- Six percent (880) of persons living with HIV in Michigan, were born in a country other than the United States (Foreign Born).
- An additional 24% of the HIV infections in Michigan have a missing or unknown country of birth so data on Foreign Born individuals must be considered a minimum estimate and therefore must be interpreted with caution.

## Demographics:

- The majority of HIV infections in Foreign Born individuals originated from Africa and South and Central (S/C) America, including Mexico (76%).
- In contrast to U.S. born HIV cases (78 percent male; 22 percent female), those born in Africa are 42 percent male and 58 percent female, reflecting a higher rate of infection attributed to heterosexual transmission.
- The majority of African born individuals infected with HIV are black (98%), while the majority from S/C America are Hispanic (84%).

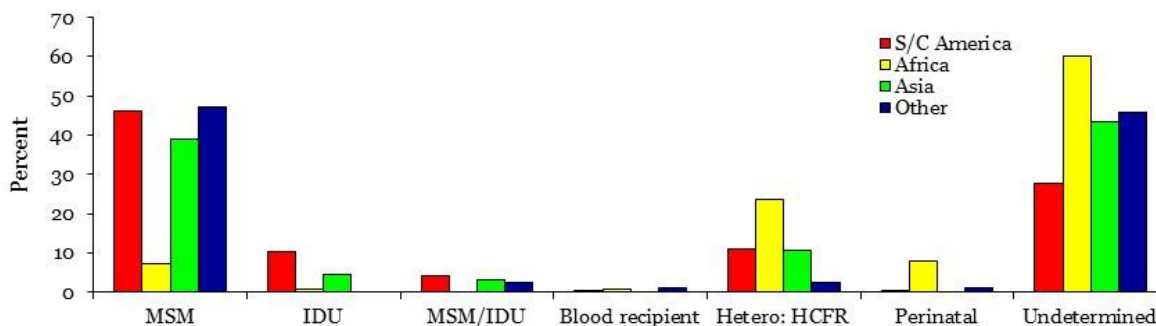
## Other Facts:

- The Immigration and Nationality Act, updated in 1999, allowed HIV positive refugees to enter the U.S.
- From 1999 to 2000, Michigan experienced a 110 percent increase in HIV diagnoses among Foreign Born individuals, most likely an effect of the updated Act.
- The number of HIV infections diagnosed in Foreign Born individuals increased from 14 cases in 1985 to 31 cases in 2011 and peaked at 84 cases in 2000.

## Program Efforts:

- From 2010 to 2012, there was a 19% increase in testing events at MDCH-designated HIV testing sites for African born clients (297 to 367).

Foreign-born males living with HIV infection in Michigan by risk transmission category and birth country, January 2012 (n = 552)



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